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Sir:

This invention relates to a vinyl ester resin is derived from the reaction of an unsaturated acid with an epoxy terminated polymer made from a dithio or a trithio initiator, and optionally from an epoxy resin. The vinyl ester resin can be blended with a miscible toughener and a diluent to provide a time stable system and subsequently crosslink to provide a composition with improved toughening properties.

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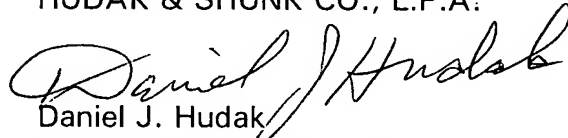
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